

# Floral Street Elementary School

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Dear Floral Families,

We hope your family enjoyed the school vacation week! Students and staff will return to school tomorrow ready to maximize teaching and learning opportunities during this final eight-week stretch of the school year.

PARCC testing begins this week with third grade students taking three sessions of English Language Arts, and the fourth grade students doing the same next week. Following ELA PARCC testing, we'll transition to Math PARCC testing for both grade levels. Students are certainly prepared for these assessments, as the tests are intended to assess the same skills in comprehension, communication, reasoning, and problem-solving that students have been working on all year. While the format of the test itself is not something students regularly experience, the type of problems and texts that are included within the test booklets will be at a level of challenge and complexity with which students are familiar and prepared.

Please see the testing schedule included at the bottom of this flyer.

Please also be sure that students arrive to school on time, as the assessments will begin soon after 9:00 each morning. Students who are late to school will not be able to enter a test session that is already underway. Plus, being on-time to work is a real-world expectation that students can learn starting at their very first job – school!

Have a wonderful week.

~Lisa & Tiffany

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### **From the PTO – Read-a-Thon Ends Tonight!**

Our annual PTO sponsored Read-A-Thon wraps up today; students are asked to return their reading logs to school tomorrow along with any money collected from sponsors (checks may be made out to Floral PTO).

We want to thank all students and families who participated in this school-wide effort to promote reading outside of school and raise money to support the care of our well-loved playground. We're looking forward to recognizing students for their efforts at the June All School Meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the Read-a-Thon, please be in contact with PTO member Mitika Kathuria at [MitikaKathuria@gmail.com](mailto:MitikaKathuria@gmail.com)

### **Parent Input into 2016-2107 Class Placement**

A reminder to parents that any input they would like to have considered in the class assignment of their child for the 2016-2017 school year must be provided by completing the online Google form included in last week's Falcon Flyer and included here:

[https://docs.google.com/a/shrewsbury.k12.ma.us/forms/d/12HOUoSprxzrn7Rvxnl\\_qBL3blfIUDM\\_hyNCu-G-X2SU/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/shrewsbury.k12.ma.us/forms/d/12HOUoSprxzrn7Rvxnl_qBL3blfIUDM_hyNCu-G-X2SU/viewform)

Parents are reminded that it is not necessary or expected to provide input, as teachers and administrators will work carefully with making all students' placements; however, it is always helpful to know if there are peer dynamics at school or outside of school of which teachers may be unaware that would be important to consider as we develop class lists. **The final date to provide input is Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.** Please know that we will be unable to accept parent input after that date, as the placement process will be underway. Finally, please do not make specific requests for a teacher assignment or to have your child paired with a specific student. We simply cannot accommodate those requests for everyone and wouldn't want there to be a perception that some requests are accommodated and others are not. Thanks for your understanding and for your trust in the educators who work skillfully on this very complex process.

### **From the Floral Staff – Thank You for Your Kindness!**

On the Wednesday before the April break, the PTO treated Floral staff to a breakfast filled with tasty treats, including homemade breads, donuts, muffins, juice, and fruit. There were

even homemade granola bars! THANK YOU to all of the parents who sent in a treat to the staff that day - your act of kindness was truly appreciated! The Floral staff is grateful for your support and friendship!

### **The Winning Class in the Boxtops Contest Is...**

...Mrs. Spangenberg's Class! They collected a whopping 828 boxtops!! They will be awarded with a class pizza party sponsored by our generous PTO. THANK YOU to all families who have been cutting and collecting those boxtops all year; each one counts when it comes to getting resources for our school. It's not too late to start saving for next year's contest...☺

Appreciation to PTO member **Kathy Flynn** for coordinating the Boxtops contest and tallying up the totals!

### **Save the Date to Volunteer at Field Day in June**

Please see the attached flyer below to sign up to run a game at your child's Field Day this June. It's a lot of fun to be a part of the day and engage with the students – plus, we need all hands on deck to make this joyful day happen for students. Convince a friend to sign up to run a game with you and have even more fun!

### **Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:**

#### **First Grade Book Club - Registration Now Open**

The Shrewsbury Public Library is offering an after school book club for first graders on **Thursday, April 28th from 3:30-4:30pm in the Floral Media Center**. This month, students will listen to the book *Right Here on This Spot*, participate in activities relating to the book, and have water, green grapes and a cheddar cheese stick for a snack.

Here is the Google Form link to register your first grader:

[https://docs.google.com/a/shrewsbury.k12.ma.us/forms/d/1HIW-KH7v4DX4EJPprAUBP0MIric-CnX91L8Win0RxY0/edit?usp=drive\\_web](https://docs.google.com/a/shrewsbury.k12.ma.us/forms/d/1HIW-KH7v4DX4EJPprAUBP0MIric-CnX91L8Win0RxY0/edit?usp=drive_web)

### **2016-2017 Bus Registration**

Please see the attached document below for information about the bus registration process for the 2016-2107 school year.

**The Elementary Lunch Menu** can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**\*New dates added this week appear in bold print**

April 26-28	PARCC Assessment / Grade 3 English Language Arts
May 2-5	PARCC Assessment / Grade 4 English Language Arts
May 3	Early Release Day for Students (dismissal begins at 12:15pm) / Professional Development for Staff in the PM
May 3	Grade 4 Chorus Concert / 6:30 pm -Goulding, Manning, Morgan / 7:30pm – Edgren, Ralys, Spangenberg

May 4	Grade 4 Chorus Concert / 6:30pm – Leifer, Powell, Ross
May 6	School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4
May 7	Floral PTO Textiles Drive / 8:30am – 11:30am
May 9-12	PARCC Assessment / Grade 3 Math
May 13	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to SELCO
May 13	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
May 16-19	PARCC Assessment / Grade 4 Math
May 19	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade After School Book Club / 3:30-4:30
May 27	FLORAL GOES GREEN!
May 30	Memorial Day / No School for Students & Staff
June 13	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration / 9:30 AM
June 21	Last Day of School / 12:15 Dismissal

### **Field Day Dates**

Opening Ceremonies: Friday, June 3 (1:30-3:00)

Grade 1: Tuesday, June 7 (raindate: June 14)

Grade 2: Thursday, June 9 (raindate: June 16)


Grade 3: Friday, June 10 (raindate: June 17)


Grade 4: Wednesday, June 8 (raindate: June 15)

## **PARCC Assessment Dates**

April 26, 27, 28 (3 sessions)  Grade 3 English Language Arts

May 2, 4, 5 (3 sessions)  Grade 4 English Language Arts

May 9-12 (4 sessions)  Grade 3 Math

May 16-19 (4 sessions)  Grade 4 Math

## **Important Contact Information:**

Office (508) 841-8720

Nurses, Phone (508) 841-8729

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Extended Day (508) 841-8743

AA Transportation (508) 753-6322 (Please call the school first with bus-related issues)

[Olympic Volunteer Letter 2016.pdf](#)

[2016-2017 Bus Registration.pdf](#)

The full district school calendar is available on the district homepage at: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>